IWAKI YUICHI

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **IWAKI YUICHI** Issuer Symbol MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O MEDICINOVA, INC., 4275 11/02/2017 below) **EXECUTIVE SQUARE, SUITE 650** President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LA JOLLA, CA 92037 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n(A) or Dis	sposed	of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	A	or (D)	D	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
C .			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common	11/02/2017		M	21,067	A	\$	637,228 (1)	D	
Stock	11/02/2017		141	21,007	11	4.42	037,220	D	
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Common									See
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Stock									(2)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.42	11/02/2017		M	21,067	(3)	01/06/2018	Common Stock	21,067

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
IWAKI YUICHI						

C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, SUITE 650 LA JOLLA, CA 92037

X President and CEO

Signatures

/s/ Yuichi Iwaki 11/06/2017 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes shares acquired under MediciNova's employee stock purchase plan, which are exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- The reported securities are held by the Iwaki Family Limited Partnership. The reporting person is the general partner of the partnership (2) that owns the reported securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) The option vested over a period of 4 years in equal monthly installments from the 1/7/2008 date of grant and is now fully vested.

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